

**MINUTES OF THE
EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

A meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

Bob Panek, Chairman
Artie Miles, Vice Chairman
Henry J. Heneghan, Jr.
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.
Joe Stevens
Carl Harris

Members absent:

Felton Sessoms
J. T. Holland
John Reiter

Others present:

Katherine H. Nunez, Executive Director and County Administrator
Janice K. Williams, County Administrator's Office

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum:

The Chairman called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Mr. Heneghan, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the agenda be approved as presented. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Sessoms, Mr. Holland and Mr. Reiter and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Statement from the Public:

There were no statements from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

With one correction to the date of the meeting, motion was made by Mr. Heneghan, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2012 be approved. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Holland, Mr. Sessoms and Mr. Reiter and voted “yes”. The motion was passed.

Review of Financial Statements:

No action required.

Report of the Officers – Chairman

The Chairman distributed copies of the Five Year Strategic Plan (2012-2016) as adopted by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors. He indicated that there were some features that are very supportive of the work of the PSA: to bring enabling infrastructure to the County as well as another goal which referenced determination of an industrial park site. The Executive Director provided background on the Plan and its goals and objectives, reporting that the Board had deferred action on the selection of potential industrial park sites until the new Director of Economic Development is hired. Mr. Heneghan commented that the 2017 timeframe for the implementation of this goal was not realistic and wanted a sooner time line. Mr. Panek stated that he thought it would be useful for the PSA to meet with the new Director at the appropriate time.

With regard to the Board’s Health Care Goal, Ms. Nunez reported that she has been actively trying to schedule a meeting with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital officials but they will not respond. Communications have ceased.

In response to a question from Mr. Hogg, Ms. Nunez noted that the County now owns the Bayview Water and Sewer Systems as of the end of June. The first bills were sent in the middle of August and most of the customers have paid. Deficiencies have been reported with both the water and sewer systems but County staff are addressing these issues.

Report of the Officers – Vice Chairman:

Mr. Miles reported that the Town of Exmore is advertising for a new town manager and he has tendered his resignation although he will continue month-to-month until a successor is found. He also said that he may be resigning in the future from the PSA but would be interested in continuing to serve if he is reappointed by the Town Council. Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the PSA send a letter to the Exmore Town Council suggesting that Mr. Miles continue as its appointment to the PSA.

Report of Hospital Committee:

(see earlier comments)

Report of Northern Node Committee:

Mr. Miles reported that they are in the beginning stages of the USDA-RD grant work.

Report of Southern Node Committee:

The Chairman shared with the PSA correspondence received from the Town of Cape Charles where it agreed to provide treatment services for facilities outside of the town limits.

Mr. Panek also stated that he is making some progress in contacting the larger members of the Southern Node commercial community and are awaiting their responses to the survey. Mr. Heneghan was tasked with contacting the Bayview Medical Center, the Head Start center and Rittenhouse Motor Lodge.

Report of Economic Development Committee:

Ms. Nunez reported that the committee has met with the Board's Economic Development Committee and representatives from the Madonia Family and an engineering firm relative to the Webster property. Another meeting is scheduled for October 2nd. The Madonia properties are under a "fire sale". They are actively meeting with other companies in the agricultural industry to sell all of the assets. The Board has committed to help, through the PSA, to look at re-development of water sources on the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Towns' Financial Support

Mr. Heneghan suggested that the membership start thinking about ways to solicit financial support from the Towns for the technical and legal support required by the PSA. The Chairman volunteered to draft a request letter to the Towns and suggested a full discussion on the matter at the next meeting.

Resignation

Mr. Stevens tendered his immediate resignation due to personal issues. He indicated that he hoped to be able to serve in the future. A written confirmation will follow.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miles, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Holland, Mr. Sessoms and Mr. Reiter and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.